

# THE CERCLA PROCESS

- Site Discovery
- Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection
- Hazard Ranking System
- Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
- Remedy Selection
- Remedial Design and Action
- Site Completion
- Operation and Maintenance
- Long Term Monitoring or No Action



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#### • Remedy Selection -

"Comments on the feasibility study are evaluated and a final remedy is selected. It is documented in a *Record of Decision (ROD)*. It is called a "proposed plan" for public comment.



- DSCR performs a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study and develops a preferred alternative for cleaning up a site.
- Preferred alternative is presented to the public for comment, which briefly summarizes the alternatives studied in the RI/FS.



- These alternatives are evaluated against:
  - Overall protection of human health and the environment.
  - Compliance with applicable regulations.
  - Long term effectiveness.
  - Reduction of toxicity, mobility or volume.
  - Short term effectiveness.
  - Implementability.
  - Cost.
  - State acceptance.
  - Community acceptance.



- Public comment lasts for 45 days.
- After receiving comments from the public, EPA, and VA DEQ, a remedy is agreed upon.
- ROD becomes final after concurrence from VA DEQ and signature from EPA and the Defense Logistics Agency.



- How It Will Work Here
  - A proposed plan will be presented to the RAB and made available to the public.
  - Approximately two weeks will be allowed for initial dissemination
  - A public meeting will be held separate from the RAB where the plan is discussed.
  - An additional thirty days will be allowed for comments.
  - DSCR will collect and address all comments and a ROD will be prepared.